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SUBJECT: VICE CHANCELLOR VICTOR A NGU, UNIVERSITY OF YAOUNDE,
CAMEROON

1. PLEASE TRANSMIT FOLLOWING LETTER TO ADDRESSEE SOONEST.

DR CLIFTON R WHARTON, JR
PRESIDENT
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN 48823

DEAR DR WHARTON:

I CAN HARDLY EXPECT YOU TO REMEMBER ME FROM OUR ONLY CONSCIOUS
MEETING - OUR PATHS MUSH HAVE CROSSED BEFORE AT HARVARD IN
THE 1940'S - DURING THE MID-WEST FOREIGN POLICY CONFERENCE WHICH
YOU HOSTED A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO. AT THAT TIME, I WAS A MEMBER
OF THE POLICY PLANNING STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. TODAY
I AM AMBASSADOR TO CAMEROON AND WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU TO DO ME
AND CAMEROON A FAVOR FOR WHICH YOU AND MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
ARE PARTICULARLY WELL SUITED.

I WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD RECEIVE
DR VICTOR NGU, VICE CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
YAOUNDE, WHO WILL BE VISITING THE UNITED STATES FOR ABOUT ONE MONTH
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UNDER AN INTERNATIONAL VISITORS (LEADER) GRANT OF THE DEPARTMENT

OF STATE TO ATTEND THE FOURTH TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS AT THE STATLER-HILTON IN BOSTON, FROM NOVEMBER 10TH TO 13TH. FROM THERE HE GOES TO WASHINGTON WHERE HE CAN BE REACHED THROUGH MR KENNETH CHARD OF THE BUREAU OF EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, TELEPHONE (202) 632-8055.

DR NGU IS A DISTINGUISHED SURGEON WHO WON A LASKER PRIZE FOR CANCER RESEARCH IN 1972. I HAVE HEARD IT SAID THAT HE MAY BE THE FIRST AFRICAN TO WIN A NOBEL PRIZE IN MEDICINE. LIKE SOME OTHER MEDICAL MEN I KNOW, HE UNDERTOOK HIS ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES ONLY RELUCTANTLY, BUT HAS ALREADY BEEN QUITE SUCCESSFUL IN IMPROVING AND DIVERSIFYING THE UNIVERSITY. HIS MAIN OBJECTIVES FOR HIS CURRENT TRIP ARE TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS AND GET ADVICE ON A DOCTORAL PROGRAM WHICH HIS UNIVERSITY IS PLANNING, AS WELL AS ON A NEW UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. I HAVE WRITTEN THE PRESIDENTS OF HARVARD, M.I.T., UNIVERSITIES OF MASSACHUSETTS AND PENNSYLVANIA, AS WELL AS THE PRESIDENTS OF THE FORD AND ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATIONS, CONCERNING DR NGU.

I HOPE YOU WILL HAVE THE TIME TO MEET DR NGU DURING HIS VISIT. HE IS NOT ONLY A BRILLIANT MEDICAL MAN, BUT ALSO ANGLOPHONE AND VERY JOLLY, AND I EXPECT YOU WILL BE INFECTED BY HIS ENTHUSIASM.

SINCERELY YOURS,

AMBASSADOR HERBERT J SPIRO
AMERICAN EMBASSY
YAOUNDE, CAMEROON
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